

message

Grace to Live and Die, part 1
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passage

PHILIPPIANS 1:19-21

Yes, and I will rejoice, for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or death. For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain.

point

How is living 'Christ,' and do I view death as 'gain'?

1. prayers and spirit
2. not ashamed but courageous
3. christ in life, joy in death

review

Grace to persevere, love, and suffer.

relate

- How might the world encourage someone in a hard time?
- Why do think people as a whole try so hard to avoid death?
- What will heaven be like?

reflect

- Who are the people that I am faithfully praying for that are going through some difficulty?
- What situation am I struggling to trust will turn out well?
- List the promises of God that you find encouraging.
- How should 1 Corinthians 10:13, Romans 8:28 and James 1:2-4 affect our thinking in hard situations?
- What things cause me to doubt God?
- How excited am I about going to heaven? Would I rather get there sooner or later?
- What truly are my priorities based on my time, money, mental energy, long term goals, the majority of my conversation and entertainment.

respond

- Pray for those you know to be in difficult times.
- Pray that we will stand strong and not shame or be ashamed of Christ.
- Pray that my life would truly be about Christ and that he would point out where it is not.
- Thank Christ that it all will turn out for our good and his glory.